

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, spanning lines 18-24, of the specification as follows. The paragraph is marked with underlines for additions and strikethroughs for deletions.

~~The need for a smoking article having a reduced ignition propensity is self-evident, given that fires have been attributed to burning cigarettes coming into contact with combustible or flammable materials.~~ There is a recognition in the industry that the smoking article wrapper has a significant influence on ~~the propensity of a lighted smoking article to ignite a combustible or flammable substrate that it comes into contact with, i.e.,~~ the reduction of ignition propensity of the smoking article. Several solutions have been proposed to solve the problem of providing a low or reduced ignition propensity cigarette involving modification of the porosity of the smoking article wrapper.